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Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

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Copies of lists of citations submitted to European Patent Office in oppositions of corresponding European patent application EP 1 156 934 B1.

CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
(NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ONLY)

All of the documents relate to data carriers having security elements.

STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

English language translations other than abstracts and claims are not presently available for the non-English language documents.

DE 43 27 995 A1 is equivalent to WO 95/05945 which includes an English language abstract on the face of the document submitted herewith.

DE 692 09 945 T2 is equivalent to EP 0 518 740 B1 which includes an English language set of claims.

DE 197 37 618 A1 is equivalent to US 6,570,648 B1, both of which are included herewith.

DE 37 41 179 A1 is equivalent to US 5,433,807, both of which are included herewith.

DE 42 40 743 A1 is equivalent to US 5,362,315, both of which are included herewith.

EP 0 227 423 A2 is equivalent to CA 1,212,021 which includes an English language abstract on the face of the document submitted herewith, and to EP 0 118 667 which includes a set of English language claims.

DE 44 16 191 A1 is equivalent to US 5,851,604 both of which are included herewith.

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STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

As noted above, some of the documents submitted herewith are equivalents to one another.

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CA-A-2,032,587 is equivalent to EP 435 029 A cited in the information disclosure statement of November 19, 2001 in the present application.

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This information disclosure statement is submitted after three months from (i) the filing date of the above-identified U.S. National Patent application, or (ii) after three months from entry into the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified International Application, or (iii) the date of entry into the U.S. National Stage of the International Application that has been assigned the above-identified U.S. Patent application number, whichever applies; and after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application, but prior to issuance of any Final Action, Notice of Allowance, or Action closing prosecution sent in such application. The certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is submitted separately or below, or the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and § 1.17(p) is submitted herewith.

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The documents cited in this statement were cited after April 23, 2004 in the corresponding European patent application. Accordingly, each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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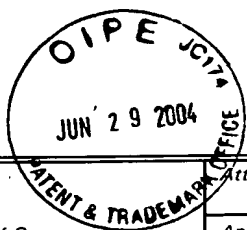
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